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NASA School Program on Astronomy and the Underground Railroad Scheduled for February

A program relating the role of astronomy in the Underground Railroad will be presented for elementary and middle school students at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Feb. 14, 15, 17 and 18, 2000, at the NASA Wallops Flight Facility Visitor Center, Wallops Island, Va.

During the hour-long Black History Month program, students will learn about star constellations and the important part the "Big Dipper" played in guiding slaves in the South to freedom in the North. The multi-curriculum program provides information in science, social studies, geography and music as students map the path of the Underground Railroad.

To schedule a class for the programs, teachers may call 757-824-1681.

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Note to Editors:

This program also is being presented to students Feb. 16 at Hurlock Elementary and Sandy Hill Elementary in Dorchester County, Md., home of Harriet Tubman, founder of the Underground Railroad.